

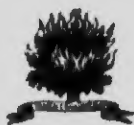
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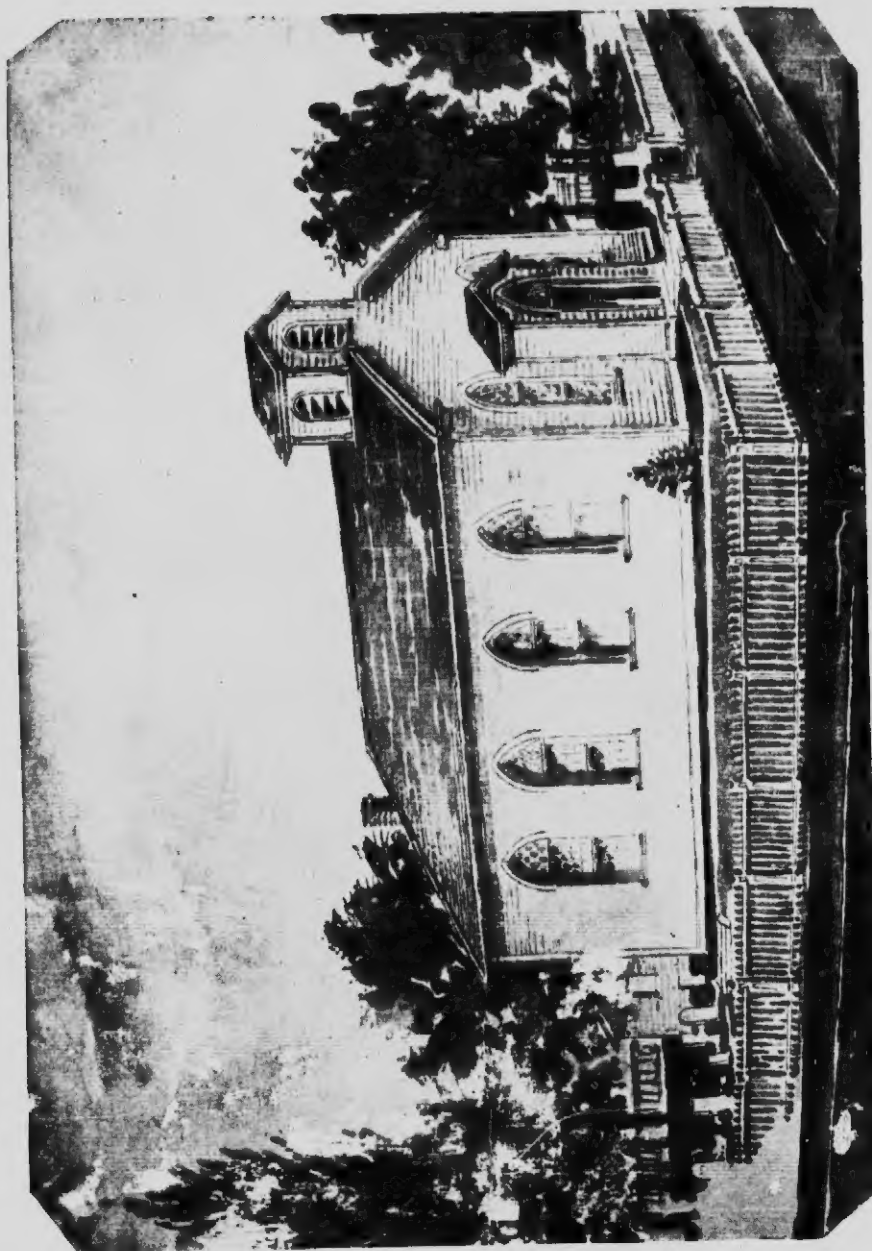
# The Jubilee

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## St. Paul's Church

**S**T. PAUL'S is the oldest Presbyterian congregation in the city of Hamilton. About 1830 a few of the Scotch families in the Gore District, were moved to hold worship regularly on Sunday in one another's houses. When their numbers grew they held services in the old Court House. In 1833, Rev. Alex. Gale became their minister. The new congregation was called St. Andrew's. Soon after his settlement a frame church was built on the corner of James and Jackson streets, on a lot presented to the young congregation by the late Peter Hunter Hamilton. This building was once, if not twice, enlarged. In 1844 the disruption that had divided the Established Church in Scotland was felt in Canada. The minister of St. Andrew's, with a section of the congregation, went out and formed Knox congregation. In Autumn of 1854, during the ministry of Rev. Robert Burnett, the corner stone of the present Gothic structure was laid by the late John Young. Difficulties arose in 1870, whereby the Church was not only closed but actually sold to the James Street Baptist congregation. In 1873 the Church was bought back again, and by permission of Presbytery was named St. Paul's. John Young, John Riddell, Judge Logie, John Brown, Thos. C. Kerr, members of old St. Andrew's, became personally responsible for the heavy mortgage. In 1878 Matthew Leggat, James Hutchinson and William Black took over this mortgage on behalf of the congregation. From that day of sore distress the congregation has continued to prosper without any serious hindrances. For nearly fifty years continuous services have been held in this stately edifice. Every lover of Gothic architecture admires St. Paul's. Its pointed arches, suggesting the upward meeting of the boughs of the forest, its many floriated pendants and finials reminding us of opening and opened flower buds; its numerous quaterfoils symbolizing the fan-spread petals of a blossom—its half-hidden trefoils, fashioned after the clover-leaf—all unite in making it a poem in stone. May the congregation continue to have many loyal hearts and noble spirits who shall delight in preserving, and in enriching this fine Gothic structure.

## The Work of the Congregation

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**D**ESPITE the crises through which St. Paul's has passed, there has been steady growth in every department of the Church's work. We have scant statistics prior to 1878. In that year the membership was 283, now it is 633. In 1878, the ordinary expenditure was \$2,469, to-day it is \$6,351. In 1878 missionary and benevolent offerings amounted to \$200, last year \$3,189 was contributed. For many years the congregation was hampered by a heavy debt. Since 1878 \$44,391 has been paid for debt and interest. From same date \$28,800 has been spent upon church improvements, Lecture Hall, Memorial Mission and Cottage. At the present time there is no debt on any of the church property. Although wrestling with a heavy debt since 1878, and although they required to raise \$126,115 for ordinary expenses, yet they have been able to contribute \$59,442 for missionary and benevolent purposes. To-day St. Paul's not only has a Bible woman at Laidlaw Memorial Mission, but also is supporting three missionaries in British Columbia, and a fourth in the Rainy River District. Our Board of Missions is aiming at the support of a Foreign Missionary. We were hoping that the Assembly's Foreign Mission Committee would have been able to have ordained our Foreign Missionary during the Jubilee Services. It has been impossible to secure the right man. The Session's desire is that these Jubilee Services may result in rich spiritual blessing to every member, and also in awakening a deeper missionary spirit in every heart. May God grant it!

## **Programme for Jubilee Services**

### **SUNDAY, OCTOBER SECOND**

REV. G. M. MILLIGAN, D. D., MODERATOR OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

### **MONDAY, OCTOBER THIRD, 8 P. M.**

CONGREGATIONAL SOCIAL. Addresses and choruses by old members. Words of greeting by some of the city ministers.

### **TUESDAY, OCTOBER FOURTH, 8 P. M.**

REV. R. E. KNOWLES, B. A., of Galt.

### **WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER FIFTH, 8 P. M.**

REV. WM. PATTERSON, D. D., of Philadelphia.

### **THURSDAY, OCTOBER SIXTH, 8 P. M.**

REV. D. McTAVISH, D. Sc., of Toronto.

### **FRIDAY, OCTOBER SEVENTH, 8 P. M.**

REV. JAMES ROSS, D. D., of London.

### **SUNDAY, OCTOBER NINTH**

REV. A. T. MOW, T. D. D., MONTREAL

*Remember the Jubilee Social on Monday Evening, October 3rd.  
We trust that old and new members will be present in large numbers.*



### Ministers of St. Andrew's.

- REV. ALEX. GALE, *Inducted* Nov. 1833. *Joined* Free Church after disruption, 1844. *Died* Logie Farm, Hamilton, 1854.
- REV. ALEX. MCKID, *Inducted* Jan. 1845. *Translated* to Goderich Jan. 1848. *Died* May, 1873.
- REV. DANIEL MCNEE. 1850-1853.
- REV. ROBT. BURNETT, *Inducted* Oct. 1853. *Remitted* Oct. 1870. *Died* at Milton, 1889.

### Ministers of St. Paul's

- REV. J. C. SMITH, D. D. *Inducted* July, 1873. *Translated* to Guelph 1877. *Died* July, 1898.
- REV. R. J. LAIDLAW, L. L. D. *Inducted* March 1878. *Died* at Georgetown, Oct. 1895.
- REV. NEIL MCPHERSON, M. A., B. D. *Inducted* Feb. 1897.

### Ruling Elders of St. Andrew's

Andrew Stevens,	<i>Admitted</i> Dec. 1, 1833.	<i>Resigned</i> Dec. 28, 1843.
James Hamilton,	" Dec. 1, 1833.	<i>Removed</i> soon after.
John Colville,	" Dec. 1, 1833.	<i>Removed</i> Jan. 11, 1844.
Peter H. Hamilton,	" Jan. 11, 1835.	<i>Resigned</i> July 27, 1838.
Alexander Fee,	" Oct. 23, 1836.	<i>Died</i> Sept. 7, 1841.
William McMillan,	" Oct. 23, 1836.	
John Thompson,	" Dec. 26, 1836.	<i>Resigned</i> Nov. 5, 1837.
James McIntyre,	" Feb. 26, 1837.	<i>Died</i> Feb. 13, 1841.
William Blaikie,	" May 13, 1838.	<i>Deposed</i> June 21, 1840.
Charles Pollock,	" May 13, 1838.	<i>Removed</i> from city.
Alex. Drysdale,	" March 1, 1840.	
John Young,	" Before 1854.	<i>Died</i> March 3, 1873.
R. D. Pringle,		

*We have no Session records from 1844 until 1873. Do you know the name of any Elder who served between those dates?*

### Ruling Elders of St. Paul's

William Allan,	<i>Admitted</i> May 7, 1873	<i>Died</i> April —, 1901.
James Gay,	" " "	<i>Died</i> Sept. 14, 1890.
Jas. Hutchinson,	" " "	<i>Died</i> Sept. 24, 1898.
Thomas C. Kerr,	" May 10, 1874.	<i>Died</i> Nov. 21, 1878.
James Vallance,	" May 10, 1874.	
Alex. Craig,	" Jan. 19, 1877.	<i>Resigned</i> Nov. 2, 1892.
James Insch,	" Jan. 19, 1877.	<i>Removed</i> from city.

### Ruling Elders of St. Paul. — Continued

Matthew Leggat,	Admitted Dec. 4, 1881,	
David Morton,	" " "	Resigned Sept. 18, 1896.
Geo. A. Young,	" " "	
William W. Grant,	" " "	Died 1884.
James Watson,	" " "	Died April 8, 1890
Bidwell Way,	" Dec. 6, 1885.	
George Nielson,	" Dec. 6, 1885.	Resigned Nov. 1, 1888.
George Black,	" Dec. 30, 1888.	
A. A. McKillop,	" " "	Removed from city.
Alex. McLagan,	" " "	Died Sept. 6, 1900.
William Wilson,	" " "	
Byron Smith,	" Torch 5, 1893.	
James Turnbull,	" " "	
R. S. Wallace,	" " "	Resigned Nov. 10, 1893
T. D. Malcolm,	" Dec. 12, 1897.	
J. W. Tynell,	" Dec. 12, 1897.	
David Fraser,	" Jan. 21, 1900.	
J. H. Horning,	" " "	
Wm. Malcolm,	" " "	
Robert J. Rodger,	" " "	moved Dec. 4, 1900.
A. C. Turnbull,	" " "	
James Gill, B. A.,	" March 10, 1901.	
Thos. A. Rodger,	" " "	
J. D. Turnbull,	" " "	
Sir Thos. W. Taylor	" June 17, 1904	
C. B. Linton,	" June 17, 1904	

### Members of St. Paul's Who Worshipped in Old Frame Church Fifty Years Ago

James Vallance	}	Now members of Kirk Session
Matthew Leggat		
George A. Young		
William Vallance.		
George Vallance.		Mrs. McDonald.
Mrs. George Vallance.		Mrs. George Sharpe.
Lady Taylor.		Mrs. T. Gillard.
David Kidd.		Mr. Wm. Buist.
William Ronald.		Mrs. Wm. Allen.
John Jeffery.		Miss Massie.
Mrs. M. Brown.		Mrs. Margaret McHendry.
Mrs. Jas. Fraser.		John Cook.
Mrs. Robert Ramsay.		Mr. Jas. Milne.
		Mrs. Jas. Milne.

*We are anxious to have this list complete for the historical record.  
Will you kindly give to the minister the name of any one not in above  
list who attended service in old frame church?*





